

# *2004 Annual Report*

## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT IDAHO**



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## Business-Cooperative Programs

Business & Industry Loan Guar.	\$9,500,000
Business Enterprise Grants	\$428,711
Business Opportunity Grants	\$233,416
Intermediary Relending	\$250,000
Value Added Producer Grants	\$561,450
Section 9006 Energy Grants	\$900,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,873,577</b>



## Our Grocery Store

**N**ew equipment for the Duck Valley Travel Center was purchased with a Rural Business Enterprise (RBE) Grant in the amount of \$91,595. This new commercial enterprise will be known as TAMMEN TEMEEH KAHNI "Our Grocery Store." It will help create and keep new jobs on the Shoshone Paiute Reservation. This grant was subsequent to an original RBE grant awarded in 2001 for \$165,000.

At the time of grant approval, unemployment on the

Duck Valley Reservation was estimated at 24.7%, which was 475% of the State Rate. There are few employment opportunities available on the Reservation. It is estimated that 20% or more of those Tribal members employed are required to travel off of the Reservation for their employment. The Tribes have estimated that 95% of all Tribal members' retail dollars leave the Reservation.

The shopping center, or mall, is a high priority among Tribal members. The RBE project has resulted in a significant contribution toward the goal of improving the conditions on the Reservation. The facility will be Tribal-owned. Initially, the grocery store will be operated by the Shoshone-Paiute Economic Development Corporation, a Tribal-owned economic development corporation. Ultimately, it is anticipated that the facility will house a variety of retail businesses, providing jobs and needed services for the Tribal members.

## Wind Energy



**L**eRoy Jarolimek owns and operates a 1,900 acre farm located in Cassia County and has been farming for the past 40 years. He became interested in the potential of utilizing the wind resource on his farm several years ago and has been collecting wind resource data on his farm through an anemometer on loan through the Department of Energy.

With funding from a Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvement Grant and input from various partners he was able to purchase a 20 kW wind turbine. The turbine was installed and began producing power in June of 2004. The power produced by the turbine is sold to Idaho Power through a "net metering" arrangement. During most months, power generated by the turbine supplies the majority of power consumed by Mr. Jarolimek's farm machinery repair shop as well as his residence. "It's not designed to make a profit off it," he said, "it's designed to eliminate a power bill."

**A** steering committee comprised of 86 independent growers with a combined production capacity of 106,000 acres are proposing development of a first generation crop residue harvesting and supply system that will address grower, suppliers and refinery feedstock requirements to produce powdered straw to be converted to bio-ethanol (ethanol from biomass) and other products. It is projected that Southeastern Idaho has many attributes that make the area appealing for location of a bio-ethanol plant. Southeastern Idaho has been identified as one of the best locations in the United States for a straw to ethanol conversion facility. Grant 4D Farms was awarded \$450,000 through the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program which will be used for planning purposes including a feasibility analysis, marketing plan and business operations plan.



## Community Programs for FY 2004

Water & Waste Funds           \$15,057,450  
including direct loans for  
\$10.3 million and grants for  
over \$4.6 million

Pre-Development planning       \$18,300  
Emergency Water Grants       \$704,000  
Native American Assistance       \$770,000

Community Facilities           \$7,479,000  
includes direct and  
guaranteed loans and  
grants

TOTAL                               \$24,028,750

*Rupert, Bliss, Ririe, Potlatch, Parma and Emmett - These Idaho cities all received grant or loan funds to improve their water or wastewater systems in 2004*

September 29, 2004 marked the Grand Opening of Glens Ferry's new Water Treatment Plant, and the end of a seven year project to bring the City's water system back into compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. USDA, Rural Development provided \$3,639,800 in loan and grant assistance, which amounted to 51% of the project's total funding. Total cost of the project was \$7,140,000.



State Director, Mike Field, Specialist Dave Flesher, and Community Program Director Dan Fraser, pose with Mayor Thompson at the new treatment plant.

## A Head Start for Kids

Friends of Head Start, a 501(c)3 non profit organization, helps programs throughout the five northern Idaho counties. This facility serves the Lakeland School District. They were originally located in a trailer, which was located along Highway 95 in Athol. It was totally inadequate, but gave them good exposure, which allowed the residents to realize the services were available. Later they moved to a former shop building. This building met more of their needs, and the staff did all they could to make it suitable to serve as an early care and education classroom, but the location



had several defects. The slab concrete floor was not insulated and the children typically spend time on the floor building with blocks, assembling puzzles and participating in other activities. During the winter, the children could not do this as the floor was too cold.

The Friends staff asked for all employees to look for possible alternative buildings that could be purchased. Within a few days a building that had formerly been a day care center was located in Rathdrum. With minor modifications to meet ADA requirements, and a CF Direct loan of \$241K, they could own a facility that would meet all their needs. They were able to move in just after the start of the school year with the remodeling being completed during weekends. They were able to separate the adult bathrooms from the one used by the children, set up a better kitchen, and have a safe open play area in the back yard. Roberta Larson, President of the board, is thrilled to be able to provide such a fabulous center for the Head Start program to utilize.

### New Emergency Response Station in Grandview \$520,000 CF Loan and Grant



## Housing Programs for FY 2004

Single-Family Housing               \$58,423,345  
including Direct & Guaranteed  
loans and grants and  
self-help programs

Housing repairs                       \$566,576  
includes over \$260,000  
in grant funds

Rural Rental Programs               \$17,847,058

Multi-Family Housing Grants       \$872,250  
includes over \$500,000  
for labor housing

TOTAL                                   \$77,709,229

*"I thought I was going to grow  
old living in an apartment with  
a rock band in the apartment  
above."*

**J**eannie  
Wayment is a  
single mother  
with a disability. She  
had applied several  
times for home  
financing and each  
time was told that with



her income it would be impossible for her to buy a decent residence. She had given up on her search until she met with a local realtor who immediately told her about Rural Development's housing loan programs, including the leveraged loan program. He then put her in contact with a Bank rep. and the local Rural Development office in Rupert, Idaho. Now thanks to the partnership efforts of Rural Development, Bank of Idaho and Idaho Housing and Finance Association, she is the proud owner of a beautiful refurbished brick home in Burley.



**M**r. Howard Herman is a 58 year old disabled veteran who had been living in a small subsidized apartment with no yard or garage. Due to his very low income, Mr. Herman felt trapped. Even though he had made improvements, like sewing his own curtains and painting inside to keep the apartment in excellent shape, he did not see any way out of his housing situation. Howard found out he might be eligible for a special housing program so he drove some 50 miles to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in the early morning hours so he could be the first in line for the program. He even brought along a folding chair to sit on while he waited in line. The program was a Section 8 voucher program pilot in North Idaho, and Mr. Herman was the first successful applicant to be chosen. He then applied to Rural Development for a 502 direct loan to purchase a home. Mr. Herman's dream was to own his own home and have a private yard and a garage to work in. The northern Idaho staff were able to make him a 502 direct loan in conjunction with IHFA's Section 8 voucher program. He purchased a 3 bedroom house in Priest River, Idaho and has now created a home where he can grow a garden and work on his truck. He has put a salt lick in his backyard for the deer that come to visit and he has a new puppy for companionship. For the 1st time in 12 years he was able to have his mother come for a short visit.





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**Anne M. Veneman**  
Secretary of  
Agriculture

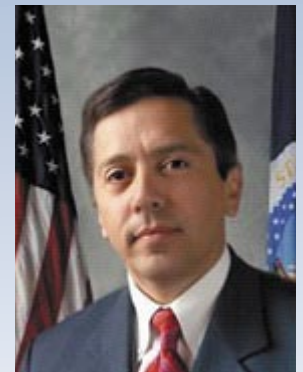


"USDA Rural Development has provided 2.7 million people with basic community water and wastewater infrastructure. Additionally, investments that assist communities with financing public health and safety first responder requests, including financing the purchase of 600 fire trucks and 150 police cars and construct or renovate nearly 100 medical facilities, are having a positive impact on the quality of life in rural America.

The Bush Administration understands the values and traditions that are unique to those who call rural America home. President Bush and I, along with our USDA Rural Development family, are working hard to support families, businesses, and communities increase economic opportunities and improve the quality of life in rural communities."

"Citizens and community leaders throughout rural America share a common desire to bring economic opportunity and an improved quality of life to their community. There is a remarkable cohesiveness among rural citizens that allows the energy and enthusiasm of local citizens to harness the resources needed to bring solutions to economic and social issues facing their communities.

**Gilbert Gonzales Acting**  
Under Secretary for USDA  
Rural Development



Today, more Americans than ever are realizing their dream of becoming a homeowner. Bringing stability to families, neighborhoods and increasing personal family wealth through building of financial equity in their future. I am proud to say that 20 percent of the first-time homeowners receiving financing this year are minority families.

We are committed to aggressively working to help families, communities and businesses build the basic community infrastructure, help create more local jobs and gain access to educational and health care services and technologies that allow them to be better prepared to compete in a global environment."

## *A note from Idaho State Director, Michael A. Field...*

Fellow Idahoans:

We are pleased to report on the activities of Idaho USDA Rural Development for Fiscal Year 2004.

In this annual report, you'll find information about people and communities and how USDA Rural Development programs help the people of our state. After reviewing it, we hope you'll have a better idea of how USDA Rural Development is fulfilling its mission to create new opportunities for rural Idahoans.

Helping to create quality jobs, housing, safe drinking water, and reliable and modern infrastructure for rural communities remains a top priority. Rural Development employees in Idaho are working in partnership with federal, state, tribal and local government officials as well as the private sector to make certain our financial resources are invested wisely and have the greatest impact on improving the quality of life in rural areas of our state.

We want to thank our partners: the private, nonprofit, and government entities that have participated with us in many of these projects. With their assistance, we have helped rural residents statewide.

We recognize that the best solutions to rural problems are developed by those on the ground. We stand ready to assist Idaho's rural communities by being an active participant in their growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

Michael A. Field  
State Director

## Area and State Office Locations

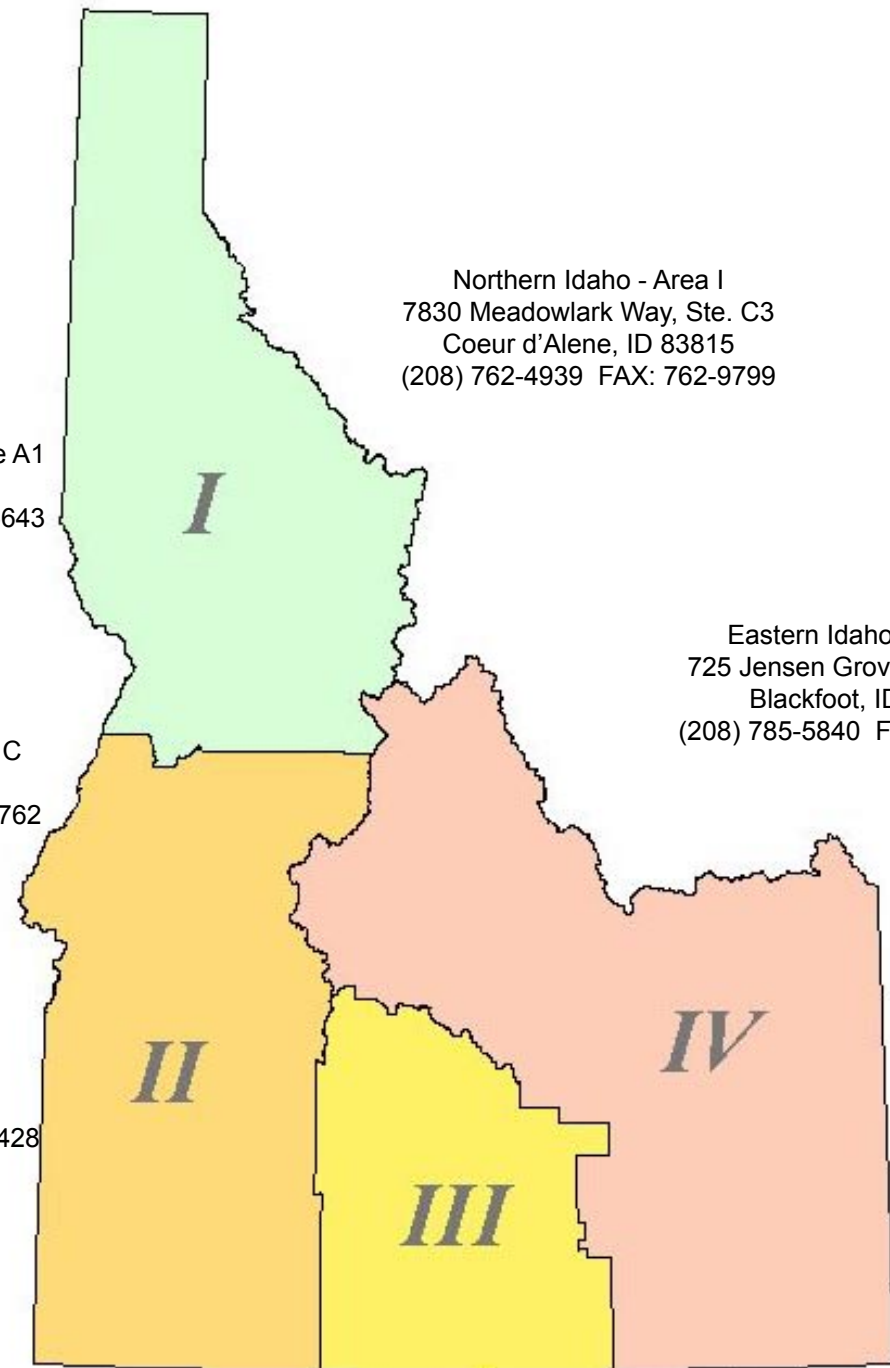
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## Investment in Rural Idaho - FY 2004

Housing - \$77,709,229

Community Programs - \$24,028,750

Business Cooperative - \$11,873,577

Community Connect/DLT - \$1,174,023

Electric Program - \$28,698,000

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Jarolimek Farm - Buhl, Idaho  
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